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AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PATENT IN FEE TO CHARLES I. CHATTIN

JUNE 25, 1952.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered
to be printed

Mr. McMULLEN, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6274]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6274) to authorize the issuance of a patent in fee to Charles I. Chattin, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Charles I. Chattin for 89.57 acres of his homestead land on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Mont.

Legislation is necessary in this matter due to the fact that the act of June 30, 1919 (41 Stat. 16), provides that of the lands so allotted 80 acres of each allotment shall be designated as a homestead by the allottee and be evidenced by a trust patent and shall remain inalienable and nontaxable until Congress shall otherwise direct.

Apparently Mr. Chattin is competent and qualified to conduct his own affairs without governmental supervision. The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs therefore unanimously reports and urges the passage of the bill.

The favorable report of the Department of the Interior reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington 25, D. C., June 16, 1952.

HON. JOHN R. MURDOCK,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. MURDOCK: Reference is made to your request for a report on H. R. 6274, a bill to authorize the issuance of a patent in fee to Charles I. Chattin. I recommend that the bill be enacted.

The bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Charles I. Chattin for his 89.57-acre homestead allotment No. 2086 on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Mont. The enactment of legislation is necessary to permit the issuance of such patent in fee because the act of June 30, 1919 (41 Stat. 16), provides that of the lands so allotted 80 acres of each allotment shall be designated as a homestead by the allottee and be evidenced by a trust patent and shall remain inalienable and nontaxable until Congress shall otherwise direct.

It appears that Mr. Chattin is a competent person well able to conduct his business affairs without supervision by the Federal Government. He has recently received a fee patent to his other allotted lands on the Blackfeet Reservation.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

R. D. SEARLES,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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